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FOR: HIERARCHICAL DATABASE :  
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
DEVELOPING HIERARCHICAL  
DATABASE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.